

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated March 24, 2008, pending claims 19–49 were rejected. Claims 19, 25, 31, 39, and 47-49 are independent claims; the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, Applicants have amended independent claims 19, 25, 31, 39, and 48-49, and cancelled independent claim 47. The claims remaining in the case after entry of the present Amendment are 19-46 and 48-49.

Applicants are not conceding in this application the claims amended and cancelled herein are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications. Applicants specifically state no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner. On June 13, 2008, Applicants' representative conducted an interview with the Examiner during which the pending claims and art of record were discussed. It was agreed that the amendments to the independent claims presented herein appear to overcome the art of record for the reasons discussed below, but a further search by the Examiner would be done. It was also agreed that if after entry of this Amendment the claims were not in condition for allowance the Examiner would call the undersigned before issuing a further Office Action.

Claim 47 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonastre et al. (IEEE Publication) in view of King (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,446). Claims 19-20, 22-26, 28-31, 33-39, 41-46, and 48-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonastre et al. (IEEE Publication) in view of Glickman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,067,059) and further in view of King (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,446). Claims 21, 27, 32 and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonastre et al. (IEEE Publication) in view of Glickman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,067,059), in view of King (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,446), and further in view of Kimber et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,598,507). The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider these rejections in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

In order to expedite prosecution, independent claim 19 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*,

digitizing the continuous audio stream;

detecting a speaker change in the digitized audio stream;

performing a speaker recognition if a speaker change is detected;

determining whether a recognized speaker is a predetermined speaker; and

transcribing at least part of the continuous audio stream only if the recognized speaker is the predetermined speaker;

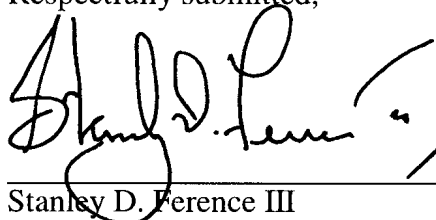
wherein said transcribing is processed using a dictionary of speaker-trained data trained by the speaker being transcribed.

The other independent claims have been similarly amended. Support for these amendments appears throughout the specification, including the second paragraph of Page 8 of the substitute specification submitted on November 30, 2001.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither Bonastre, Glickman, nor King, either alone or in combination with any other reference, teach or suggest the subject matter of independent claims as amended herein. 19, 25, 31, 39, and 48-49, as amended. Thus, the invention as presently claimed is patentable over the combined references and the state of the art and the Section 103 rejections should be withdrawn.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including claims 19-46 and 48-49, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited. As a reminder, if after entry of this Amendment the claims are not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Doing so would further expedite prosecution as Applicants would agree to the entry of any further amendments needed to distinguish the present invention from the applied references by way of Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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